

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 10, 12-17, 22-24, 26 and 27 are pending. Claims 22 and 26 have been allowed. Claims 1-3, 12, 13, 23, 24, and 27 are rejected. Claims 10 and 14-17 are objected to. By this amendment, claims 10, 14 and 17 are amended and claims 1-3, 12-13, 23-24 and 27 are cancelled. Claims 4-9, 11, 18-21 and 25 have also been cancelled. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application, for instance in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is added. Claims 10 and 14-17 (claims 22 and 26 are allowed) are submitted for further consideration at this time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-3, 12, 13, 23, 24 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Klug et al. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot in view of the claim amendments indicated herein. Applicants urge withdrawal of all rejections.

Claim Objections

Claims 10 and 14-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully submit that this objection is also moot in view of the claim amendments indicated herein. Applicants urge withdrawal of all objections.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees, which may be required with respect to this paper referencing Attorney Docket No. 108910-09024.

Respectfully submitted,

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